

Orange Coast College Names Interim Vice President of Instruction

Orange Coast College has hired Pamela D. Walker as its Interim Vice President of Instruction while it continues the search for a permanent replacement for Kevin Ballinger, who retired in June after more than 30 years at the College.

Walker hails from Auburn, Calif. where she has been a higher education consultant for the past three years. She previously served as the Executive Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs at the California Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento.

Walker brings to OCC a wealth of experience, including a long tenure at American River College, where she served as the interim president (2014-2016), Vice President of Student Services (2006-2014), and Associate Vice President of Instruction (2004-2006).

"Dr. Walker's experience has extensively encompassed many facets of the instructional program serving previously as a part-time faculty member, instructional dean, vice president, interim president, vice chancellor of academic programs, and her latest role as the Executive Vice Chancellor of Educational Programs for the CCC Chancellor's Office," says OCC President Angelica Suarez. "We look forward to welcoming Pam to the OCC family as she begins her new role."

Walker holds a doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of San Francisco, a master's degree in physical education from California State University, Sacramento, and bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Oregon State College.

Typically, Toribio travels all over the world to participate in recruiting events and he often serves as a liaison between the college and international education officials. Two years ago he was instrumental in arranging for OCC to become the first college accredited by the ministry of education in Brunei, and his efforts resulted in six Bruneian students attending OCC in Fall 2019.

Toribio also is passionate about combating elitism and racism within the college recruiting world, and organized a panel at this year's virtual conference titled "International ACAC: Unltered" where recruiting officials could share their experiences of racism on the road.

"I've been mistaken for the driver while on recruiting trips, and I've been subjected to second searches at the airport or

